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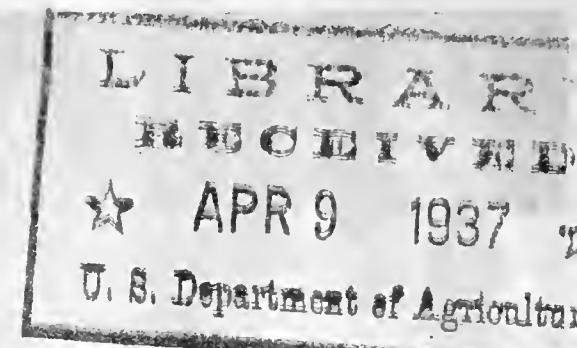
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Fashion	Orange
Bobby	Plum Color
Frau Emie Heneck	Pink
Fairy Queen	Rose Tipped White
Gretchen Heine	Blushwhite Rosetips
Highland Mary	Wine, White Shading
Joe Fette	White
Lavender Gem	Lavender
Sunshine	Vivid Red
Yellow Gem	Yellow
Rosa Wilmoth	Rose Pink

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\$2.00 to \$10.00 per hundred

\$ .25 to \$1.00 per dozen

Special Collection, 25 for \$1.00

Do not plant near a building

Plant 4 to 6 inches deep. (Large bulbs deeper than small bulbs)

Keep well cultivated, water when necessary

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Pop Stuart	Yankee Queen
Washington City	Kentucky
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White Wonder	Massachusetts
The World	Ching
Murphy's Masterpiece	My Country
Polo Alto	New Hampshire
Satan	Maryland Glory
Goodnight	Charles G. Reed

## **GROWING THE DAHLIA**

Location: Open, sunny or partial shade.

Cultivate the soil thoroughly. Plant from May 1st to June 20th. Dig a hole one foot deep. Put in shovel of manure or other plant food. Cover with an inch of soil. Would advise using stake, which should be set firmly in ground. Plant Bulb 4 inches deep horizontally, and cover. Cultivate at least once a week. Do not water until plants are well above the ground. When the buds appear,

water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week. Apply any good fertilizer, stirring the soil lightly after. To obtain extra large flowers, disbud freely, leaving only a few buds and branches on each plant. If the plant grows too bushy, cut off some of the leaves and side branches and the plant will flower more freely. Green plants should be planted twice as deep as they were grown in pots, or 4 or 5 inches deep. They should be watered and shaded a few days after planting.

### **CUT FLOWERS**

When using the Dahia for a cut flower, cut in the cool of the day, either late in the evening or early in the morning. Take off all leaves and buds. Place stems in deep vessels filled with cold water. Set in cool cellar or ice box for 6 hours or more. They are then ready for use.

### **SEPARATING THE CLUMPS**

Cut stock close to bulbs, turn clumps upside down and put strong knife or hatchet in the center; pound it until you make two halves. Avoid breaking neck of bulb. Then take hock or straight knife and cut off bulbs, being sure they have an eye, leaving on as much crown as possible. A pair of canvass gloves with the right thumb heavily taped will be a help

### **KEEPING THE BULBS**

**By L. N. Davis**

There are almost as many opinions as there are growers, on keeping the tubers over the winter. This is perfectly right, as every cellar is different, and this means a decidedly different method for storing and preserving one's bulbs.

First of all, I would suggest that everyone keep a thermometer in the cellar, for only in this way can you tell how hot or cold it is.

Now the bulb i'self must be taken into consideration. Is it large or small? Has it a tendency to decay easily, or maybe to dry or shrivel up to almost nothing? This is the time when the evil of over feeding for large flowers in the summer becomes apparent. If you take several clumps of good bulbs, all the same kind put them in storage in the same box, in a short time the clump that has been forced or fed heavily will begin to decay, or, if small sized, will dry up, while those grown without any food will be found O. K.

Next to be considered is the celiar where the bulbs are stored. Generally the old-fashioned dirt, bottom cellar, without heat or any kind, is almost perfect. About the only care

for these bulbs is to pile on the floor and cover with burlap bags if they show any signs of wrinkling or drying up.

In a cellar with a small amount of heat, pack the bulbs in boxes or barrels lined with newspaper, and cover top with more paper.

Watch for a few weeks after packing, and if they start to mildew near crown, take off top paper and give the moisture, which is always coming out of the clumps, a chance to escape.

In a cellar of 45 degrees or 50 degrees, or warmer, with cement bottom and heater the bulbs will need more protection from the hot, dry air. Pack in shallow boxes, about 8 inches high (vegetable bushel boxes are perfect), and cover with shavings or sawdust. Look at the bulbs four times during the storage period, November 30 January 1, February 22 and April 1. If they are in good condition they can be packed away again, but if they have started to decay, cut off all the decayed parts and apply powdered sulphur or air slacked lime to the parts that have been cut.

In a very warm, dry cellar with cement floor, where the temperature goes from 45 to 55 and even in cold storage closets of such cellars where more or less heat will get in, the following treatment has proved successful. The bulbs when dug should be placed once in shallow boxes (if the earth isn't wet or soggy.) Do not shake the dirt from the clump and, after placing in the box fill in with more loam, not too deep, about 6 inches. Set boxes on or near the floor. If lack of space compels you to place boxes on top of each other, be sure to put wooden braces between the boxes, to prevent resting tightly on top. Circulation of air is necessary to keep the moisture escaping from the tubers.

You can see that the keeping of bulbs rests wholly with the individual and his cellar conditions. The atmosphere in every cellar is different, even with the same heat. If you have had success your way in storing, my advice is, don't change. But if you have not had good luck keeping bulbs, try one of the other ways. Bulbs can be successfully wintered if you find out your cellar conditions then treat them by the method suggested. Remember if one man can keep them over the winter, you too should be able to do the same.